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# **News Release**

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## **Traffic Fatality Update**

(March 2) On March 2, 2012 at 1:23 p.m., Kerrville Chief of Police John M. Young, Jr., announced Center Point resident, Holli Gale Trejo, age 47, was arrested for Manslaughter as a result of the investigation conducted by the department's Criminal Investigation and Traffic Units.

On February 29, 2012, at 7:03 p.m., the Kerrville Police Department received a 9-1-1 call regarding an Auto/Bicyclist Crash in the 4600 block of State Hwy 27 East. KPD officers responded along with the Kerrville Fire Department Emergency Medical Services.

A preliminary investigation revealed a female bicyclist was traveling westbound on the shoulder of the highway when she was struck from behind by an unknown vehicle. The vehicle fled the scene. The bicyclist was immediately transported by EMS to Peterson Regional Medical Center in Kerrville where she was pronounced deceased. The victim has been identified as Debra Zapata, age 49.

On March 1, 2012, Investigators located a vehicle associated with the crash and upon interviewing Trejo, it was determined that she was the driver during the crash that killed Zapata.

The Criminal Investigation and Traffic Unit Investigators presented the case to the 198<sup>th</sup> District Attorney. The 198<sup>th</sup> District Attorney's Office authorized the filing of a complaint against Trejo for Manslaughter - 2nd Degree Felony in violation of Texas Criminal Penal Code 19.04.

An affidavit was filed against Trejo with Kerrville Municipal Judge Mark Prislovsky and an arrest warrant was issued. Investigators arrested Trejo at her home in Center Point and booked her into the Kerr County Jail where she is being held on a \$15,000 bond. Trejo could face a sentence of 2-20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000, if convicted.